

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID MASS VS

SUBJECT: PRESS INTERVIEW - MILITARY AID

REF: STATE 052196

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED TEXT OF WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT MCCOMBS STORY WHICH ATTRIBUTES TO AMBASSADOR USE OF \$1.06 BILLION AS FIGURE FOR FY 74 AND HOPE THAT ABOUT SAME ORDER OF MAGNITUDE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN FY 75.
2. FIGURE USED BY AMBASSADOR WAS \$1.6 REPEAT \$1.6 BILLION AS CONFIRMED BY EMBASSY PRESS COUNSELOR PRESENT AT INTERVIEW. APPARENTLY EITHER GARBLE IN TRANSMISSION OR MCCOMBS IN CHECKING HIS OWN NOTES USED ACTUAL APPROPRIATION FIGURE OF \$1.05592 BILLION, ROUNDING IT TO \$1.06 BILLION. WE ARE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH MCCOMBS TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT.
3. DOD AND STATE MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT AMBASSADOR FULLY AND COMPLETELY SUPPORTS PRESENTATION MADE BY DEFENSE DEPSEC CLEMENTS TO THE CONGRESS AND BELIEVES THE REQUESTED SUPPLEMENTAL SHOULD BE APPROVED IN THE FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED.  
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